

# What's NEW

A bi-weekly newsletter for Greenfield Community College staff and faculty

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## Salad days finally come to GCC!

Big happenings this semester for salad lovers. At long last, GCC has a salad bar in the cafeteria! Don't laugh. This is big news. Cafeteria Manager Chris Jones says the obstacles to getting a salad bar earlier were mainly financial.

"We looked into buying a new one, and the prices were astronomical," he says. "We finally found an older one within the company (Grace Food Services) at Springfield College."

The salad bar offers 12 to 15 items daily, including such items as raw

cauliflower and broccoli, kidney beans, lettuce, tomatoes, croutons and bacon bits at a cost of \$3.04 a pound or .19 an ounce.

The salad bar has been a big success so far, Chris says, and by providing some healthier eating options to the faculty, staff and students, it's given a new image to the cafeteria.

"We're kind of excited about it," he says. "It's going to be worth it. Just the attitude about the cafeteria has changed since we started it, and that will make for a better semester for the people who work there."

## Staff News

### WELCOME...

To the newly hired Rainbow Room teaching team. **Frostine Bernier**, the head teacher/coordinator, is from Whately. She is a 1979 GCC graduate, with an associate's degree in Early Childhood Education.

**Frostine** has worked in the child care field for eight years. **Suzanne Love** returns this semester as lead teacher after having been a substitute in the Rainbow Room for the month of December. **Suzanne** has completed one year at GCC in Early Childhood Education and has four years' experience in the child care field. **Wendi Leffel** has joined the infant/toddler team at the Pierce Street Child Care Center as a classroom aide. **Wendi**, who has a M.Ed. from Elmira College in New York and experience teaching and working with students K-adult, is enjoying new challenges with infants and toddlers.

### CONGRATULATIONS...

To **Karen Ranen, R.N.**, a part-time clinical instructor in nursing, and master's degree candidate at UMass, who has been awarded a grant from the Diabetes Research and Education Foundation. Her project, the Relationship Between Age, Self-Esteem, and Self Care in Male Adolescents with Diabetes Mellitus" was one of

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## The President's Corner

As the gloomy budget news from Boston continues, it becomes increasingly difficult for all of us to give our full attention to what we do best: provide a really top-notch education for students. I recognize that the growing number of vacant positions (ten over the past two years) results in increased workload for other faculty and staff in the same work area and, coupled with the anxiety we all experience at news of further cuts and unjustified media attacks on state employees, places a real strain on us all.

Yet, perhaps more than at any other time, we must focus on educational excellence, to ensure that we keep alive the commitment to learning that is the core of our success as a community college.

In spite of the fiscal chaos reigning throughout the state, GCC this year has succeeded in opening a new child care center on campus designed primarily for students and has expanded its Pierce Street Center to accommodate 16 infants and toddlers.

I am pleased to tell you that today, at the beginning of only the second semester of operation, both programs are full. Credit especially must go to Nina Cook, Director of the Child Care Center, to the faculty of the Early Childhood Education program—Nancy Winter and Kate Finnegan, who are serving as consultants to the various classroom teachers, and to Anne Wiley, who is chair of the newly formed and active Child Care Advisory Committee.

This year, special funding has been provided by the Foundation for the complete renovation of SO1. A very fine "little theater," designed with input from Jim Godwin and constructed by our own college maintenance crew led by John Pride, is scheduled to open in March. Watch for a special opening show directed by Jim in the spring!

In January, we also received, rather unexpectedly, some special state funds for major capital expenditures. These included \$90,000 for academic computers (already purchased and installed in the academic computer lab by the time

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36 proposals selected from 200 submissions.

### CONFERENCE CALLS...

**Dave Patrick** attended the Colorado College Symposium on Wealth in January, and reports that it was one of the most stimulating events he's attended in a long while. Participants included scholars, journalists, government officials and others.

Five members of the **Affirmative Action Committee** attended a two-day workshop at Mount Holyoke College presented by the Equity Institute entitled "Dismantling Racism." Staff members **Anne Wiley, Phyllis Nahman, Barbara McColgan, and Mary Ellen Kelly** and Student Senate President **Amy Love** attended the conference, which was designed to help participants look at their own relationship to racism and the ways in which racism is institutionalized in our culture, both in the workplace and the community.

### THANK YOU...

From **Nina Cook** and the **Child Care Center Staff** to **Betsy Averill** for all those referrals. It looks like the Rainbow Room will be fully enrolled for the spring semester in large part thanks to **Betsy's** efforts.

## New flag on campus

John Murphy reports that 1985 graduate Alan Estes has made a special donation to the College. Estes has given the flag that was given to him at his father's funeral to fly here at GCC. His father, Stewart James Estes, was a veteran of WWII.

"I feel that a flag is most proud when it's flying rather than laying in a closet or a drawer," said Alan in making the donation.

## Don't forget to recycle!

## --president

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you read this) and much-needed funds for roof repair and masonry work on the outside of the building.

Members of the Executive Council and I recently reviewed this year's planning objectives to determine what we can realistically accomplish given the myriad pressures on staff right now. We reaffirmed our commitment to a few essential activities which are integral to our continuing search for institutional excellence and which are significant to the future of the college. These include:

1. *Completion of the Self-Study, leading to the reaccreditation visit from the New England Association of Schools and College in October 1990.* A professional day to enable all members of the college community to review the draft document is planned for the spring.

2. *Development of a plan for assessing institutional effectiveness*, including identification of data currently available and additional information needed on which assessment of student and institutional outcomes can be based. *Beginning implementation of the General Education Report and the Regents' document, "The Undergraduate Experience,"* especially in areas of math competencies and developmental education.

4. *Activation of an alumni network*, under the auspices of the GCC Foundation, culminating in the naming of an Alumnus of the Year in June 1990.

5. *Designing and building, during Summer 1990, a Center for Adults in Transition*, integrating in one location existing on-campus support services to adult students.

Each of these activities promises to enhance our commitment to providing meaningful educational experiences to an increasingly diverse student body. I personally extend my gratitude and appreciation to all of you who are and will continue to be engaged in these important projects during the spring semester. Our collective focus on the future represents GCC at its best.

—Katherine H. Sloan

## Calendar

**FEBRUARY 9: Lecture:** Author Carl Vigeland will speak on "Research and Relationships," an examination of research process and the writer-editor relationship. The event is part of Community College Month, and is co-sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Institute and the Friends of Archibald MacLeish, 12 noon, Performing Arts Center. Part of Community College Month.

**FEBRUARY 13: Job Fair**, sponsored by the Nursing Program, 2-4 p.m. in College Lobby.

**FEBRUARY 14: Love Carefully Day**, Health Awareness Activities, sponsored by Health Service, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., College Lobby

**FEBRUARY 23: State Rep. Stan Rosenberg** will talk about public higher education and the state budget crisis at 12 noon, Lecture Hall. All invited to attend!

## Alumnus of the Year Award

The Alumnus of the Year nomination is underway! This new award, to be presented yearly to an outstanding male or female graduate will be presented for the first time at this year's Commencement on June 3, 1990. The award has been developed as a way to begin the revitalization of the GCC alumni association.

The nomination process will be advertised this month in conjunction with recognition of the Community College Month. Nomination forms will be sent to all members of the GCC community, available in the local newspapers and also in the Development Office.

This year's recipient will also be asked to serve as this year's Commencement speaker, so please be sure to complete a nomination form and take advantage of this opportunity to honor one of our most valuable resources: our graduates! For more information, contact Barbara McColgan in the Development Office.